Claims

A titanium compound represented by the following formula
or (2):

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_3\cdot nH_2O$$
 (1)

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_2(OH)_2$$
 (2)

(In the formulae, n is an integer of from 0 to 3).

- 2. A sintered body obtained by sintering a titanium compound.
- 3. The sintered body as claimed in claim 2, wherein the titanium compound is represented by the following formula (1) or (2):

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_3\cdot nH_2O$$
 (1)

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_2(OH)_2$$
 (2)

- 4. The sintered body as claimed in claim 2, wherein the titanium compound is produced by adding an alkali to a solution containing a calcium ion, a titanium ion and phosphoric ion, thereby coprecipitating.
- 5. A sintered body comprising perovskite and whitlockite.
- 6. A sintered body substantially consisting of perovskite and whitlockite.
- 7. The sintered body as claimed in claim 5, wherein the perovskite and whitlockite are obtained by sintering a titanium compound.

8. The sintered body as claimed in claim 7, wherein the titanium compound is represented by the formula (1) or (2):

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_3\cdot nH_2O$$
 (1)

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_2(OH)_2$$
 (2)

(In the formulae, n is an integer of from 0 to 3).

- 9. The sintered body as claimed in claim 7, wherein the titanium compound is produced by adding an alkali to a solution containing a calcium ion, a titanium ion and phosphoric ion, thereby coprecipitating.
- 10. A method for producing a sintered body, sintering a titanium compound.
- 11. The production method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the titanium compound is represented by the formula (1) or (2):

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_3\cdot nH_2O$$
 (1)

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_2(OH)_2$$
 (2)

- 12. The production method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the titanium compound is produced by adding an alkali to a solution containing a calcium ion, a titanium ion and phosphoric ion, thereby coprecipitating.
- 13. The production method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sintering is conducted at a temperature exceeding 800°C.
- 14 The production method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the sintering is conducted under an inert gas atmosphere and/or under reduced pressure.

- 15. The production method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the inert gas is xenon and/or argon.
- 16 The production method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sintering is conducted under a pressure of 10^{-4} Pa or lower.
- 17. A sintered body obtained by sintering a mixture containing a titanium compound and an inorganic substance.
- 18. The sintered body as claimed in claim 17, wherein the titanium compound is represented by the formula (1) or (2):

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_3\cdot nH_2O$$
 (1)

$$[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_2(OH)_2$$
 (2)

- 19. The sintered body as claimed in claim 17, wherein the titanium compound is produced by adding an alkali to a solution containing a calcium ion, a titanium ion and phosphoric ion, thereby coprecipitating.
- 20. The sintered body as claimed in claim 17, wherein the inorganic substance is at least one selected from the group consisting of calcium hydroxyapatite, calcium fluoroapatite, β -tricalcium phosphate, α -tricalcium phosphate, tetracalcium phosphate, metallic titanium, titanium oxide and platinum.
- 21. A method for producing a sintered body, sintering a mixture containing a titanium compound and an inorganic substance.
- 22. The production method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the titanium compound is represented by the formula (1) or (2):

 $[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_3 nH_2O$ (1)

 $[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6]TiO_2(OH)_2$ (2)

- 23. The production method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the titanium compound is produced by adding an alkali to a solution containing a calcium ion, a titanium ion and phosphoric ion, thereby coprecipitating.
- 24. The production method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the inorganic substance is at least one selected from the group consisting of calcium hydroxyapatite, calcium fluoroapatite, β -tricalcium phosphate, α -tricalcium phosphate, tetracalcium phosphate, metallic titanium, titanium oxide and platinum.
- 25. The production method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the sintering is conducted at a temperature exceeding 800°C.
- 26. The production method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the sintering is conducted under an inert gas atmosphere and/or under reduced pressure.
- 27. The production method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the inert gas is xenon and/or argon.
- The production method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the sintering is conducted under a pressure of 10^{-4} Pa or lower.
- 29. An artificial bone material, an artificial joint material, an artificial tooth material or an artificial dental root material, constituted of the sintered body as claimed in claim 1.

- 30. An artificial bone material, an artificial joint material, an artificial tooth material or an artificial dental root material, constituted of the sintered body as claimed in claim 17.
- 31. An artificial bone, an artificial joint, an artificial tooth or an artificial dental root, comprising the sintered body as claimed in claim 1.
- 32. An artificial bone, an artificial joint, an artificial tooth or an artificial dental root, comprising the sintered body as claimed in claim 17.